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federal finance and this federal money to the Department where the instructors are already being trained and doing the training, which is in the area of the Tech Colleges.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now I would like to speak to the bill, Mr. Chairman. Last year I opposed this bill in Committee and on the floor on the basis that it was not for any constructive purpose. It was to meet some kind of a standard set up by somebody somewhere. I don't believe that has changed. I don't want to go through the long arguments again of whether or not we need to comply to gain this mysterious funds to solve the particular purposes. I was a little chagrined as I listened here to say, is this all right with the feds, and if we do it this way, will they say it is OK and I kind of felt like an errand boy complying to something that no one has talked about the merits of or for any particular reason. It kind of burns at my stomach so I guess I just want to go on record saying that I have 200 people in my community that fight fires and drive rescue vehicles for nothing and for us to have to dilly around with a bill to meet compliance for money still grates me but I won't take up your time nor mine and I simply will cast my no vote and leave it at that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Frank Lewis has just outlined rather bluntly some of the problems we have here today. I do not believe that the passage of this bill is going to improve ambulance services in the state of Nebraska. I say so honestly and I say so after having served on the Public Health Committee for a number of years. I think that if you were to go into the small communities in Nebraska today, and I have many of them in my legislative district, almost any community of more than several hundred people population has a volunteer rescue squad staffed and operated by volunteer people. The ambulance is paid for by donations, subscriptions or what have you. It is done at no cost or very little cost, in any case, to the general public. I can remember and all of you can when the local funeral directors vied for the purpose of picking up these cases throughout the county. Did so and did so gladly. We saw the federal government come through in the states and mandate certain procedures whereby these institutions are prohibited from entering into providing the service which they had historically provided. Now we are taking one more step and I say it is a large step. We are taking one more step and I predict and I hope that someday, in a year or so, you can say, Schmit, you were wrong and I will apologize but I predict that ambulatory service in the rural areas will decrease in quality rather than to improve. It will do so because there isn't one of us here who has been here more than a few days who can honestly say that once we pass a piece of legislation like this the restrictions do not become greater and greater as time goes by. It is all done in the guise of education. It is done in the guise of public services. It is done under one subterfuge or another but the facts are that as time goes by restrictions,